Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj and Sundergarh districts of Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) At present, low power (100W) TV transmitters are in operation, one each at Anandpur, Joda and Keonjhargarh in Keonjhar district; Baripada in Mayurbhanj district and Rourkela & Sundergarh in Sundergarh district of Orissa. Besides, parts of Keonjhar district are also covered by the high power (10 KW) TV transmitter functioning at Cuttack. It is the constant endeavour of Doordarshan to extend TV service to the remaining uncovered parts of these districts, as expeditiously as possible, depending upon the availability of adequate financial resources for the purpose.

Backward States

3659. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States declared as backward States by the Union Government; and

(b) the steps taken by the Union Government for the overall development of these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No State has been declared backward as such by the Union Government.

(b) Allocation of Central assistance for Plans to a State is influenced among other by its resource base and by the extent to which its per capita income is below the national average. Moreover, distribution of funds under anti-poverty programmes like Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) and Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) is based on incidence of rural poverty, which can be construed to be an indication of backwardness. Thus less developed States get adequate attention in distribution of funds for development.

[*English*]

Expansion of F.A.C.T.

3660. SHRI P. C. THOMAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any expansion schemes are proposed to be taken up for the Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Ltd; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what are the proposed expansions in other fertilizer companies like Madras Fertilizers and others in public sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following expansion schemes have been proposed by FACT:—

(i) Setting up of a new Ammonia Plant at Udyogamandal at a cost of Rs. 525.02 crores including a foreign exchange component of Rs. 135.60 crores.

(ii) Expansion of Cochin Phase-II Plant to increase production capacity of the plant at a cost of Rs. 117 crores including foreign exchange component of Rs. 19 crores.

Besides the above 2 projects, retrofit of Cochin Division Phase-I project is being implemented by FACT at a cost of Rs. 19 crores.